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## Lum takes reins as Evangelism Director

By William H. Perkins Jr.  
Editor

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), meeting in the Baptist Building in Jackson on June 2, approved the selection of Don Lum to become the next MBCB Director of Evangelism. He replaces S.A. "Sonny" Adkins, who retired.

Lum, age 52, was a member of the MBCB Evangelism Department for five years as a general consultant with responsibilities for youth and sports evangelism, before transferring to the MBCB Sunday School Department in July 2002. He continued to handle evangelism duties during his tenure in the Sunday School Department.

Prior to joining the convention board staff, he served as minister of youth and activities at First Church, Columbia, for 18 years.

Steve Stone, MBCB Associate Executive Director for Church Growth, said Lum's background in the local church, his previous assignment in the evangelism department, and his work ethic in serving 14 Mississippi Baptist churches in interim capacities since coming to the convention board made him a top choice for evangelism director.

"Already he has established meaningful relationships among many pastors across the state, our Associational Missions Directors, and Baptist Building staff. God has uniquely prepared him for such a time as this," Stone said.

"This is an honor; no doubt it will be a challenge," Lum said. "It's a challenge to which I am looking forward, because I believe God has prepared me for this work. I am appreciative of Dr. (Jim) Futral (MBCB Executive Director) and Dr. Stone for the confidence they have shown in me. I very much enjoyed my time in the Evangelism Department and look forward to renewing the wonderful relationships I developed when I was there."



Lum

While the future direction of the Evangelism Department will be taking shape under Lum's leadership, one of his main goals has already surfaced: "I am convinced that to be an effective evangelistic force in Mississippi, we must equip our church members to understand their role in evangelism and teach them to share Christ with love and enthusiasm."

Lum is a 1976 graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton and a 1979 graduate of New Orleans Seminary. A Pearl native, he is married to the former Patricia Bounds, and has two adult sons.

In other business, the Executive Committee approved the following changes in board membership:

- **Choctaw Association:** Steve Jordan, pastor of Chester Church, Ackerman, to fill the unexpired term of J.D. Harrison, who resigned the pastorate of Fellowship Church, Mathiston, and moved to Alabama.

- **Chickasaw Association:** Dan Robertson, pastor of First Church, Houston, to fill the unexpired term of

Jim Ray, who retired from the pastorate of First Church, Okolona.

- **Kemper Association:** J.L. White, member of DeKalb Church, DeKalb, to fill the unexpired term of Tim Horton, who resigned the pastorate of Bay Springs Church, Porterville.

- **Scott Association:** Gary Wyatt, pastor of North Morton Church, Morton, to fill the unexpired term of Frank Lay, who resigned the pastorate of Springfield Church, Morton, to answer the call to serve as Missions Director for Montgomery and Carroll Associations.

- **Tishomingo Association:** Joe Cobb, member of Iuka Church, Iuka, to fill the unexpired term of Jim Holcomb, who resigned the pastorate of Iuka Church to answer the call to pastor Belden Church, Belden.

Katrina

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"How Great  
IS OUR GOD"

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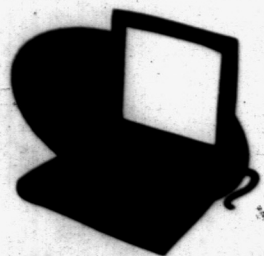
## Miss. CP spikes in May

Giving to the work of the Lord through the Mississippi Cooperative Program in May shot above three million dollars after a slump the previous month, according to Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which disburses the funds. The May total of \$3,062,898 is 31.1% higher than the \$2,336,892 given in April, and 35.4% more than the \$2,261,757 given in the same month in 2005. Total Mississippi CP giving for the current fiscal year, which runs from January-December, stands at \$14,940,899, which is 9.4% above last year's giving during the same period and 14.5% ahead of current year budget needs. The 2006 Mississippi CP budget of \$31,314,491, was approved by messengers to the 2005 annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. A total of \$2,609,541 is needed each month to meet the convention board's budget for 2006. In addition to helping support more than 10,700 missionaries in the U.S. and around the world through affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi CP also helps fund such programs as the Children's Mission Camp (coed) on June 12-14 at Central Hills Retreat near Kosciusko; the Youth Camps during the summer at Hinds Community College in Raymond; and the HeartSong '06 Music Camp on June 26-30 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

## SBC CP down for month

NASHVILLE, Tn. (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Cooperative Program (CP) for May were \$16,496,303, 3.8%, or \$655,171, below the \$17,151,474 given in April, and 1.7%, or \$289,713, below the \$16,786,016 received in May 2005, according to a news release from SBC Executive Committee President and Chief Executive Officer Morris H. Chapman. Designated giving of \$147,781,596 for the same year-to-date period is six percent, or \$9,577,035, below gifts of \$157,358,631 received at this point last year. The \$15,908,923 in designated gifts received last month is \$10,137,401 below the \$26,046,324 received in May 2005, a decrease of 38.9%. For the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, the year-to-date total of \$134,091,968 is 105.9% of the \$126,576,836.64 budgeted to support Southern Baptist ministries globally and across North America. The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' method of supporting missions and ministry efforts of state and regional conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. The Cooperative Program total includes receipts from individuals, churches, state conventions and fellowships for distribution according to the 2004-05 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget.





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## A new, er, 'hero'

**B**atwoman is back, but she's not the same caped crimefighter many of us recall from our youth. No, this latest version of Batwoman has a sex life — a lesbian sex life, according to DC Comics, which owns the Batwoman brand and plans to insert the revamped character into the "52" comic book series in July.

"We decided to give her a different point of view. We wanted to make her a more unique personality than others in the Bat-family. That's one of the reasons we went in this direction," said Dan DiDio, vice president and executive editor at DC Comics, in an Associated Press interview.

The new Batwoman will fight crime in Gotham City and use the name Kathy Kane, just like the original 1956 Batwoman. The new twist will be her oh-so-modern lesbian relationship with Renee Montoya, a former Gotham City police detective. The storyline will have the two former lovers crossing paths as they combat

the darker elements of life in the big city.

The reincarnated Batwoman undoubtedly goes far beyond the intentions of her creators in the 1950s, who understandably saw no reason to invest her with perverse sexual inclinations. With small children being the main readers of comics, however, it seems obvious that the present designers are promoting an agenda just like their peers in the radio, television, movie, and print businesses.

Is there nothing left for children? Can the current administrators of the American entertainment media invent a character without slipping in their own wicked ideas? Why does the average 10-year-old comic book reader have to be indoctrinated as to the sexual preferences

"NAH - I THINK I WANT TO GO TO ONE WITH PEOPLE IN IT."



of his/her heroes? Can't their heroes just be ... heroes? If the designers at DC Comics wish to come up with new heroes in the future, here are a few suggestions:

- **Superdad**, a man who loves his wife, takes responsibility for his marriage and his children, works hard to provide for them, and sees to it that they are connected to God. He can be of any origin, race, or socioeconomic strata, because real men cut across all lines to put those who depend on them ahead of themselves.

- **Wonder Mom**, a woman who does not give in to the image that pop culture forces upon her and has always sided with her family over the ways of the world. Highly educated and no one's fool, she has learned that she can truly be what she chooses and still be a woman close to the heart of God.

- **EvangiMAN**, someone who understands his role in the church and doesn't leave the evangelism heavy lifting to the paid church staff. Not easily discouraged, he's out every week in the heat tirelessly knocking on doors, leaving knob hangers, and doing everything else he can to tell people about Jesus and bring them in to the church.

- **Servant Dude**, a young person with a passion for winning friends and foes alike to Jesus. His/her lifestyle is a powerful force for good, and always models the Savior's servant heart. Undeterred by ridicule, insult, and peer pressure, he/she continues to pray for the souls of her tormentors and for boldness to enter the enemy's territory without fear.

"It'll never work," would be the cry of the worldly producers of the current cropper comics.

They should think again. It was announced last week that Christian pop music is now a billion-dollar-a-year enterprise. There is certainly a place for clean, Christian comics for religious young people. It's just that the producers of the current portfolio of comics, laden with violence and sexuality, can't see it.

Too bad. Someone else undoubtedly will.

## GUEST OPINION:



### Satan's ultimate adrenaline rush

By Jon Kittrell, pastor  
Shuqualak Church, Shuqualak

Convention annual meeting, my family and I have come away energized. I am moved by the Crossover reports and missionary stories of what God is doing. All appears to be going well.

Yet, when things are going well, Satan poises himself to attack, divide, and conquer. The more the emphasis on rescuing souls from the fiery pits of Hell, the more he seeks out our weaknesses in order to emphasize internal struggles and conflicts. In the last year, it appears to me that we are squabbling over issues that do not impact theology. We are dividing on issues of infrastructure. While change is good, and

I support proper and efficient management, we should not be finding reasons to tear people apart. When a significant problem arises, it is important to fix it redemptively. When we do not agree with one's support of a person for SBC leadership, I do not believe it is our responsibility to openly oppose their views, especially in the news media, unless there is a sin which has been committed.

In the past weeks, as I have read Baptist Press and various denominational blogs, I see more and more character attacks and veiled references to people who do or do not support this or that. The

Apostle Paul was upset with Barnabas over his desire to take John Mark on their next missionary journey. Their dispute caused them to go different ways. The Christian church was growing tremendously daily, and Satan caused a rift between these friends. The bad news is that they had an argument which, I am sure, hurt them both. The good news is that they overcame their differences later, and Paul admitted his error. I would venture to guess, also, that neither Paul nor Barnabas, in sharing the Good News, openly talked negatively about each other. At the end of the book of Philemon, Paul even mentions that Mark is with him in Rome. Satan desired for this conflict to continue, but they did not let their petty differences cause a permanent chasm.

Next week, we as Southern Baptists will consider resolutions and people for leadership. We will not be unanimous in our voice. The news networks are waiting with bated breath to capitalize on our differences. We are Christians serving in the Kingdom of God. Remember that our Commission is stronger than our differences.



# SBC honors Graham with Nashville statue

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP) — In advance of the unveiling of a statue honoring evangelist Billy Graham at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C., SBC President Bobby Welch on May 30 presented a bronze model of the sculpture to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) at its headquarters in Charlotte.

Sculpted by Terrell O'Brien, a bivocational pastor whose church and studio are in Wyoming, the bronze model depicts Graham standing before a cross with outstretched arms, one of which holds an open Bible.

Welch noted that the model was being given to the BGEA headquarters on Memorial Day. "What could be a better time to show appreciation for one of the great warriors for Christ," Welch asked, glancing at the model, "and that's Dr. Billy Graham."

Welch read from John 3:14: "'And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.' Of course, you can see the cross in that."

Continuing with John 3:16, Welch said the verses represent exactly what Billy Graham and his evangelistic association have done and are committed to continue. "This is really about a man who lifted up the Lord Jesus, glorified God, preached the Gospel all around the world in a way that has never been done before," Welch said.

Southern Baptists, Welch said, wanted the smaller model of the statue to reside at Graham's headquarters as a reminder of their "thanksgiving to the Lord" for Graham's ministry. After the Greensboro unveiling, the statue will reside permanently in downtown Nashville, Tenn., he said.

O'Brien described his involvement in the statue project as a "dream come true for a pastor."



IN BILLY GRAHAM'S HONOR — William Franklin Graham IV (left) receives on behalf of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association a model statue of Graham's grandfather, evangelist Billy Graham, from Southern Baptist Convention President Bobby Welch. The 18-foot-tall version of the model will be unveiled at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C., and later will be placed in downtown Nashville. (BP photo by Norm Miller)

"It was my strong desire that this piece pay tribute to Billy Graham in his life's work of preaching the Gospel," O'Brien said. "As I began to think what it should look like, eventually the cross came into view."

O'Brien said God "gave me the desire of my heart in my desire to honor not only Billy Graham, but the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The cross stands 18 feet tall, and Graham's likeness is 9.5 feet tall.

Welch officially presented the model statue to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association through Billy Graham's grandson, William (Will) Franklin Graham IV.

"Will is one of our fine, young Southern Baptist pastors and evangelists, fitting right into the clear mold of his grandfather and his father (Franklin)," Welch said. "It is my blessings, on behalf of 16,300,000 Southern Baptists in 43,000 churches, with 5,000 missionaries with their families overseas, to present this now to your family and to the Billy

Graham Evangelistic Association as a constant reminder of how the Lord Jesus had touched one man's life."

Said William Graham, "We thank you for this kind gift, this gesture you have shown not only to my grandfather but to the organization. We very much appreciate it."

Citing a recent conversation with his grandfather, William said Graham was concerned that he not be lifted up personally. "I said, 'Daddy Bill, the cross is what stands out,'" William Graham said. "It's the hope that you found years ago when you found hope in the cross of Christ."

## Saudis teaching hatred

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Despite repeated assertions to the contrary by Saudi Arabian officials, the Middle Eastern nation still has not reformed its government-sanctioned textbooks to end the promotion of hatred toward religions other than the orthodox Wahhabi teaching of Islam. A study released May 23 by Freedom House's Center for Religious Freedom found that the textbooks used by an estimated five million students in Saudi Arabia's 25,000 public schools instruct students not to greet, befriend, imitate, show loyalty to, be courteous to, or respect non-believers — those who do not subscribe to the country's sect of Islam. The textbooks assert that the spread of Islam through jihad is a "religious duty." Students in Saudi Arabia are taught that "every religion other than Islam is false" and teachers are instructed to provide children "examples of false religions, like Judaism, Christianity, paganism, etc." The Freedom House report contradicts statements by Saudi government officials, such as the claim by Saudi embassy spokesman Adel al-Jubeir a year ago: "We have reviewed our educational curriculums. We have removed materials that are inciteful or intolerant towards people of other faiths." Freedom House drew attention to another remark, this one by the new Saudi ambassador to the United States, who said earlier this year, "We eliminated what might be perceived as intolerance from old textbooks that were in our system." Even as recently as May 18, the Saudi Foreign Minister asserted that "the whole system of education is being transformed from top to bottom. Textbooks are only one of the steps that have been taken by Saudi Arabia."

## Looking back

U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers issues a permanent injunction halting devotionals over the high school intercom at North Pontotoc Attendance Center in Pontotoc County, and also halting authorizing vocal prayers by elementary classes before going to the cafeteria for lunch and Bible history courses in Pontotoc County schools.

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) auxiliary, meeting in Atlanta prior to the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, elects Pattie Dent of Holly Springs as recording secretary. Dent is a former Mississippi WMU president.

Joe Hicks, son of pastor R.B. Hicks of Second Church, Calhoun City, pleads in a letter from his post-war military station in Yosu, Korea, for more Baptist missionaries to answer the need for the Gospel in that country, which was only recently liberated from Japanese occupation.



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**YOU CAN RESPOND  
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*Simply share the following prayer  
with God in your own words:*

1. Lord, I admit that I need you.  
(I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my  
sins and freedom from eter-  
nal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and  
rose from the grave to forgive  
my sins and to restore my  
relationship with you.  
(I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus  
Christ into my life. From this  
time on, I want to live in a  
loving relationship with Him.  
(I receive Christ as my Savior  
and Lord.)

*"But as many as received him,  
to them he gave the right to  
become children of God, even to  
those who believe in his name."  
(John 1:12)*

*If you make a decision for  
Jesus Christ today, contact a  
local Baptist church for spiri-  
tual guidance.*

## ONE AT A TIME

When a church is faced with the burden, opportunity, and responsibility of finding a new pastor, it is never an easy task. Who instructs a church on how to go about finding a new pastor? Nobody! While the congregation may have a constitution and bylaws and even policies that outline how to go about selecting a committee and voting on a new pastor, when it comes down to it the congregation and those who are elected to serve must find their way before the Lord Himself who will guide them through the process. No one tells a church how to elect the pastor search committee, when or where they are supposed to meet, how they are to proceed in the search, or who they are to contact.

Here at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, through the office of Church-Minister Relations you can receive materials and even training as you look at the overall process — but then after seeing various aspects of the experience and looking at the guidelines and options, people often say, "Well, we are not going to do it that way." That, of course, is baptistic as you seek the Lord and follow His guidance. There are no clear, biblical instructions that this is the way to call a new pastor. Virtually every committee that I have ever seen or known goes about the process with slightly different variations and emphases. Some go about it with radical differences.

Obviously, the Lord Jesus has to enter into the event or all of us would be in a bigger mess than we sometimes are. Through the years I have been repeatedly amazed and sometimes shocked at the way we go about the process. Then I was shocked and amazed at how the Lord seems to take care of us and work out His will. In the past I have addressed several areas related to this event for your thought and consideration. Today I want to focus on an area that sometimes can be a great problem.

I can sum it up in the phrase *one at a time*, and it refers to both church and pastor. While there may not be a pastor search committee manual tucked



# Directions

**Jim Futral**, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

away, in 1 Timothy and Titus there are biblical guidelines, practical concerns, and helpful relational skills that should be a part of the approach. Not every day but occasionally I will be talking to a pastor and he will tell me that he has been contacted by three or four different churches, and he wonders what to do. Sometimes it seems when churches are without a pastor they all converge on the same trail going after one person. My advice is that pastors deal with only one committee and one thought process at a time.

On the other side of the equation I have talked with committees that may have narrowed their search down to four or five good candidates and are in essence going to interview, evaluate, and pursue all of them until one seems to pop up head and shoulders above the others. To the churches I would suggest this could be very problematic, and it is historically wiser to deal with one person at a time until you are convinced that is or is not the direction you ought to go. While through the years I have had opportunity to tell both pastors and congregations to live by the one-at-a-time rule, many choose to go in a different direction. What is significant about one at a time? Why would I even suggest such a thing? Let me sum it up in three words.

The first word is *fusion*. In the search process we are talking about human relationships, personal interaction, and bonding. When these contacts are made and these visits take place, everybody is hanging on every word and reading everything from facial expressions to inflection of voice to dress and body language. For some people they will grab hold to one or two things that seem to be their cup of tea and they are highly impressed, while others look at

someone else and they are fused in a different way. If you took the average pastor search committee of five, seven, or nine people and sat down in front of them four different flavors of ice cream, you probably would repeatedly get a diverse opinion of which one was the best.

Complicate that a thousand times as you look at personal preferences in style, speech, personality, background, and vision of a person. You start to see that one person will gravitate toward one and another person to someone else and then you have a lineup. On a couple of occasions, my name had appeared as a reference on a number of resumes that a committee would have, and I have been asked by those committees to rank those pastors according to my feelings about them in various areas of pastoral leadership. I am quick to tell them that I cannot do that and that I will not do that because it is not my prerogative to try to choose their pastor. In some cases what has happened is some members of the committee have really leaned toward one and fused to him while others have experienced the fusion in another direction. Searching for a pastor is not a horse race.

The second word I would mention is *confusion*. When a church, pastor, or both get involved with this three-or-four-at-a-time process, the result is oftentimes confusion. As a general rule when churches are talking to a man, he is talking to them with the assumption that they are only talking to him. This should be but oftentimes is not reality. At some point in the search process, the pastor begins to think that the committee thinks that he is the ONE that they ought to be talking with and pursuing. It is a fair assumption, but it is not always true. As a

man told me on one occasion, "We have got this guy on the line, but just in case it does not work we have several others on the string." Scripture says, "God is not the author of confusion." If we are doing things relationally that creates uncertainty and confusion in our own mind as well as the body of Christ, we need to think seriously about going about it in another way.

The third word that might be helpful in this process is to consider *contusion*. Contusion generally is an injury, a bruising that usually does not break the skin but it results in hurt and discoloration. When applied to this process it happens again and again and it need not be. One of the difficulties in this whole experience of calling a pastor is that when you boil it down only one person is called. While little consideration is given to this aspect of it, all of the other people considered are rejected. Everyone has experienced rejection in life at some level whether on the ball field, cheerleader squad, or being number one in anything. A problem exists when expectations are raised on either side to the point where everyone feels good and right that this is the person and this is the direction for the committee only to be let down hard and hurtfully. Contusion takes place.

With all of that said, I must add with a great exclamation point the process does work. We have some great churches, some great shepherds, and God in His loving, providential care is able to work through our deficiencies to strengthen us, bless congregations, and help guide pastors where they need to serve. It is a spiritual event in the life of a church. It is an adventure of seeking God in the process. When we get together and do that with whatever may take place along the way, eventually we will reach the destination and share in the celebration of God at work among His people. It is always more enjoyable to arrive at a destination when you have not taken a wrong turn, run off in a ditch, or had a flat tire.

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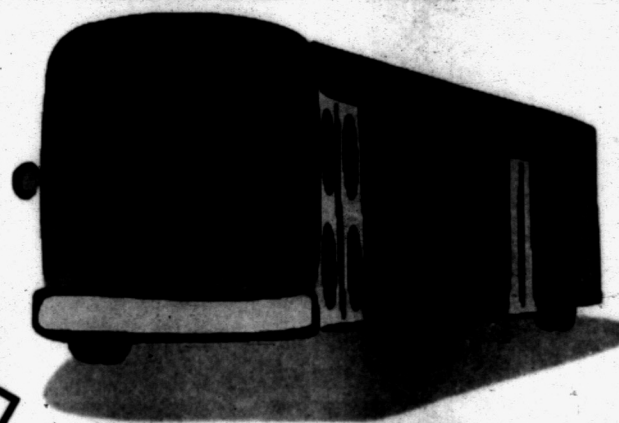
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**Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting June 13th-14th in Greensboro, NC. as it comes together to worship, be refreshed by the preaching of the Word, and to discuss denominational business.**

For: (1) The annual WMU Missions Celebration at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel, June 11th-12th, Greensboro, N.C.; (2) Pray for the missionaries on Maui; Indian Ocean Islands asking that God will continue to bless the work and provide for the continuing language-learning challenges.

For: (1) Children's Mission Camp (coord), Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 12th-14th (all); (2) GA Camp, Camp Garaywa, 12th-16th (WMU); (3) II Youth Camp, Hills Community Center, Raymond, 12th-16th (Youth Ministry); (4) Pray today for Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel (Middle East).

For: (1) Southern Baptist Convention, Greensboro, N.C., 13th-14th; (2) Pray for 16 students studying missions at the Lima Baptist Seminary in Peru. Ask God to call out from among them those who are to go into all the world. Pray for missionary Kaven Shearer as he teaches and seeks to make God's call clear.

Missionary Linda Freeman asks prayer for Pastor F of Sisid, Ingapirca Province of Ecuador, as he deals with problems in his church related to the immigration of men to the U.S. from Spain. Many families have been deserted by a high number of men in search of a better economic life elsewhere.

For: (1) Children's Mission Camp (coord), Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 14th-16th (all); (2) Ted Haws, Clarkston, Wash., is director of missions at Lewis Clark Association. Pray for mission teams to plant two churches this summer in areas without churches or a gospel witness. Pray for the 10 existing churches to grow.

For: (1) Harold Moore, Ashland, Ky., is the Kentucky disaster relief volunteer coordinator. Pray for enough volunteers to fill the needed leadership roles, strong first-aid teams, and relief teams for long-term call outs. (2) Please pray today for Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy (southern Europe).

Believers in Goddolo, a village up river in Suriname, have expressed their desire for a Christian to come and lead them. Pray that God will raise up a leader in the village to start gathering the believers together, and pray for a church to start, then for them to grow in Christ and spread the Good News to other villages.

Shelly Webb, Cambridge, Mass., is campus minister at MIT and on the international ministries team in the Greater Boston Association. Pray for many international students to come to Christ, for new believers to be disciplined, and for continued financial support for Shelly.

The Jenu Team, Pacific Rim, reports: "The volunteer medical team of one ophthalmologist and several nurses had a great visit in January. They spent 30 days giving new sight to the blind. The villages were so grateful. Pray that those who can see now would have true sight and that their eyes would be open to the One True Hope that we have."

For: (1) "Continue to pray that more Mexican families will open their homes to a house church," writes the Northwest Mexico City team. "We currently have several prospects, but none have committed so far to hosting a new house church."

Hilltops are often used for spirit and idol worship. Pray that on each hilltop and mountain throughout Nepal, Jesus Christ will receive His due praise through His Church being planted and multiplied.

Give thanks for the training of house group leaders among the Go-land people of the Pacific Rim. Pray that what was learned will be implemented.

Missionaries serving in central and western Tanzania share: "We have asked you to pray for rain in Tanzania. Praise God with us as many missionaries are reporting getting rain. Crops have been planted and are growing well. Pray for a spiritual hunger and thirst as workers share the good news of Christ."

God honored all of your prayers for the Zambia Mission Prayer Retreat in March. The worship and fellowship were great. The small group studies were challenging and encouraging. The food was delicious! Pray now that we would all be obedient to what God said to us that weekend.



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# HOUSE TOPS



## JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Groundbreaking, Linwood Church, Neshoba Association



2. Bible Drillers, Chunky Church, Chunky

1. Linwood Church, Neshoba Association, recently broke ground for their new sanctuary, offices, and educational facilities. Shown are Alan Spears, Aubrey Nicholson, Billy Singleton, Toni Breland, Randy Nicholson, Mike Skinner, and Harold Willis.

from left: Bobbye Steverson, Patrick Embery, Katie Bracken, Andrea Jenkins, Jane Brand, and James Brand.

3. Children of Fairview Church, Indianola, are shown with a bag of 8004 pennies collected for the Memorial to the Missing.

2. Chunky Church, Chunky, recognizes its Bible drillers. Front row, from left: Peyton Cain, Heather Johnson, Kristen Felton; back row,

4. Bethel Church, Pinedale, recognizes its Bible drillers. Drillers included Bible Buddies, children, youth, and adults.



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5. Dumas Church, Dumas, burned the note on their sanctuary renovation Apr. 23, paying off the \$200,000 project cost. Shown are Ricky Hatcher and pastor Scott Hudson.

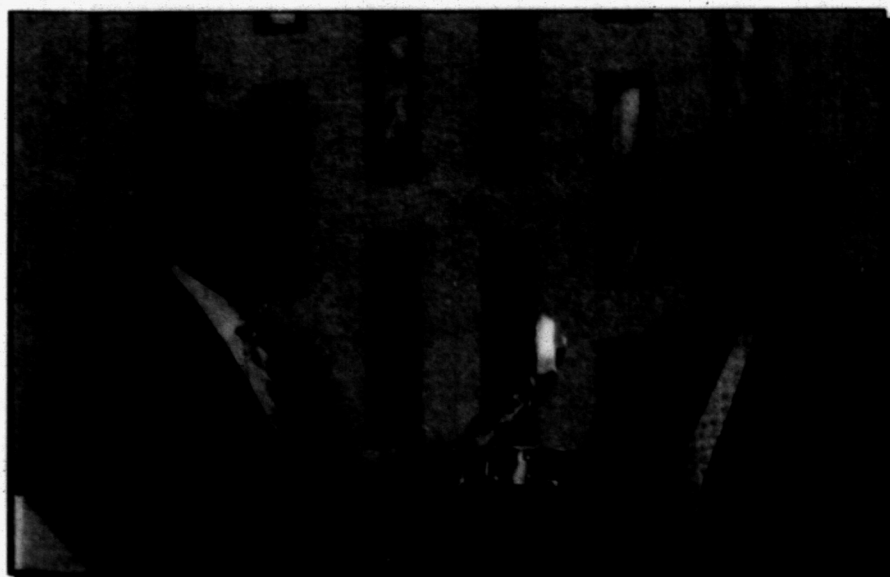
6. Prairie Church, Prairie, recently ordained Danny Williams, Paul Patrick, and John Ray Hamilton as deacons. Shown are pastor George Collins, Williams, Patrick, and Hamilton.



3. Children Collect Pennies, Fairview Church, Indianola



4. Bible Drillers, Bethel Church, Pinedale



5. Noteburning Ceremony, Dumas Church, Dumas



6. Deacon Ordination, Prairie Church, Prairie

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Clue: B = J

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke Four: Forty-Three.





Theatre Awards, WCC

1. Theatre students who received awards at the Annual Theatre Awards Banquet at William Carey College are (standing, left to right) Joel King of Petal, Wesley Guthrie of Lumberton, Lauren Roberts of Lucedale, Lindsey Ledine of Saucier, (seated left to right) Laura Jackson of Purvis, Mandy Jackson of Richland, Vickie Hall of Morton and Andrew Breland of Gulfport.

2. Cheryl Dale, dean and professor of the William Carey College school of business, was appointed to the 2006 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm



Dale

3. Thirty-four William Carey College student athletes have been selected for the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Honor Roll for the 2005-06 academic

Baldrige National Quality Award. The award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive.

year. The baseball players from Carey selected for the roll are Eric Green of Flora; Robert Territo of Denham Springs, La.; Matt McHan of Soso; Josh Johnson of Laurel; Elliot Burch of Lucedale; Glenn Williams of Natchez; Alex Aucoin of Ocean Springs; Daryl Harper of Vicksburg; Andy McCarter of Purvis; Michael Orso of Satsuma, Ala.; Scott Mitchell of Citronelle, Ala.; and Jerry Bourne of Sumrall. The softball players are Jessica Pierce of Columbia; Sheri Anderson of Purvis; Maghan James of Hattiesburg; Megan Pittman of Gulfport; Leah Kilpatrick of Columbia; and Brittany Ladner of Pass Christian. The women's basketball players are Beth McShea of Columbia; Nikki Smith of Richland; Reshena Holloway of Collins; Sharon Pendarvis of Laurel; Taphne Jackson of Ellisville; and Randi Cyprien of New Orleans, La. The men's soccer players are Florent Sourice of Angers, France; Chris Schaefer of Walluf, Germany; Nick Mulvaney of Dublin, Ireland; and Scott McCulloch of Kilmalcolm, Scotland. The men's basketball players are Scotty Fletcher of Petal; Maurice Lewis of D'Iberville; and Jay Quinn of Ponchatoula, La. The women's soccer players are Jan Camp of Hattiesburg and Danielle Princiotta of Ocean Springs. Lea Paslay of Wiggins is the player selected from the men's golf team.

4. Clue, the second most popular board game in the world, is a fun-filled musical being presented by Carey Dinner Theatre June 15 through July 1 on the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey College. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. in the O. L. Quave Theatre, with the perfor-

mance following. The box office is open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily except Sunday, and seats may be reserved by calling 601-318-6221. The admission price of \$25 includes dinner, show, and program book.

5. Southern Seminary held its 197th graduation commencement on May 19 with the first outdoor graduation in the school's history on the Seminary Lawn. A graduating class of 232 students received degrees. Boyce College, Southern Seminary's undergraduate school, held its commencement on May 12. Eighty two received degrees from Boyce, 17 received certificates from Southern's Seminary Wives Institute and eight women received certificates from Southern's Women's Ministry Institute. Homer C. Anthony, Tupelo, received the Doctor of Education degree; William J. Smith, Greenwood, received the Advanced Master of Divinity degree; and Douglas F. Tillman, Natchez, received the Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling degree.

6. For the past 28 years, Mississippi College has recognized a member of the faculty as Distinguished Professor of the Year. This year, Bill Wheeler, Jr. was named for the honor at the May 2006 commencement exercises.

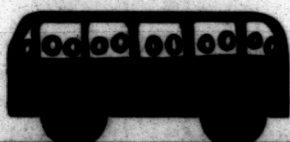


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## FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

### Carefully Evaluate Explanations

Job 4:6-7; 6:2-3, 24; 8:4-8; 11:6b, 13-15; 13:4, 15, 18, 23-24

By Ginger M. Caughman

"God is not trying to z-z-zap you!" Some of Job's friends explained Job's adversity as God's punishment for his sin. What about advice from friends?

Do you know the book, "Fables" by Arnold Lobel? (Harper and Row, 1980, pp. 12-13; now HarperCollins; the book is still in print. Caldecott Winner). The popular illustrator spoke in New Orleans and told how he had considered doing an illustrated edition of Aesop's fables but decided instead to write his own. My favorite illustration shows a baboon holding an open umbrella in which circular holes have been cut. The humorous story for all ages concerns a sunny day when one friend advised the baboon to cut the holes to let the sunshine in. When the clouds

appeared and the rain began to pour, you know who was soaked!

Lobel's moral: Like the weather, advice from friends is sometimes good, sometimes bad! So goes the encounter of Job with his friends.

#### 1. Flawed Appeal to Justice

We meet three of Job's friends in this Bible drama, Eliphaz (EL-ih-faz), Bildad (BIL-dad), and Zophar (ZOH-fahr). When these friends heard about Job's troubles, they went to give him sympathy and comfort. (Job 2:11). At first the friends sat silently with Job. But after Job spoke, the friends "put in their two-cents worth." Sometimes as true friends the best thing we can say is nothing. (13:5)

Eliphaz was the first friend to talk. His speech was a response to Job's breaking the week-long silence by cursing the day of his



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birth (Ch. 3). The words of Eliphaz mistakenly imply that Job's suffering was evidence of God's justice. (4:6-7) Eliphaz urged Job to turn to God. This friend was implying that Job had turned away from God. (5:8)

Job explained his outburst as emotional, not rational (6:1-3). God understands our feelings for He created us as emotional beings. "Tears can be God's emotional escape valve to let out pain."

Remember, our Lord Jesus on the cross, cried out a verse from Hebrew Scripture: "My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matt. 27:46 from Ps. 22:1).

God understands honest expressions of pain. As friends let's remember to be nonjudgmental and have an understanding acceptance of emotional words from suffering friends. When we suffer, remember to carefully evaluate any explanations offered from friends in light of God's Word.

#### 2. Flawed Appeal to Tradition

Bildad also appealed to tra-

ditionally accepted ideas blaming Job's adversity on his sin. Each friend offered a slightly different variation on the same theme. Explanations from tradition are inadequate.

#### 3. Flawed Appeal to Logic

Zophar implied that Job's plight would have been even worse had God not already forgiven some of his sin (11:6b). "You speak me with lies. What if you were in my place?" Job asked Zophar. (13:4, 9). Zophar appealed to logic but Job rejected the inadequate explanations of Zophar along with those of his other two friends.

#### 4. Flawed Appeal to God

God is God. Job addressed God but God did not choose to respond to Job at this time (Job's address to God begins with 13:20). Scripture assures us that no matter what, God is love (1 John 4:16) and we can affirm God's goodness (Ps. 107:8).

This week, as I write these words, we have had a death and a birth in our extended family; a mystery and a miracle. God's ways are miraculous and mysterious. We cannot

explain the wondrous miracle of birth nor the mysteries of suffering and death.

When Job thought his suffering was the result of a divine miscarriage of justice, his appeal was flawed. The complete answer to any particular experience of suffering may not be evident.

Scripture gives examples of suffering sometimes as judgment; as discipline; as training; as persecution; as consequences; and from natural catastrophe. Our Lord Jesus was called the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). But hear this! Some suffering does not fit neatly into any category! "God never reveals to Job what lay behind his suffering." Do we just have to continue to learn to trust God?

In this week's lesson during the first cycle of speeches, we learn both the inaccuracy and inadequacy of Job's friends' explanations and the inaccuracy of Job's own ideas about his misfortune. We must carefully evaluate all of our Christian life in light of all of God's Word.

Caughman is a member of First Church, Magee.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### Daniel: Faith Refuses to Compromise

Daniel 6:3-5, 10-13, 16, 19-23, 25-27

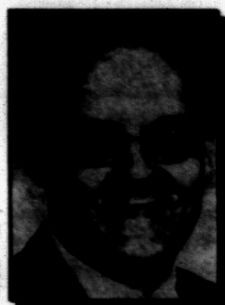
By Les Colvin

In our world today, there are many areas in which we are being pulled to conform and compromise our faith and beliefs. The desire for possessions, power, and prestige is constantly luring many people into its trap. As Christians, we too are tempted and unfortunately, many times fall victim to the world's ways, thus compromising our faith and weakening our effectiveness as believers in our society. As a result, we have become very much like the world in which we live.

Addressing a national seminar of Southern Baptist leaders, George Gallup said, "We find there is very little difference in ethical behavior between churchgoers and those who are not active religiously ... The levels of lying, cheating, and stealing are remarkably similar in both groups. Eight out of ten Amer-

icans consider themselves Christians," Gallup said, "yet only about half of them could identify the person who gave the Sermon on the Mount, and fewer still could recall five of the Ten Commandments. Only two in ten said they would be willing to suffer for their faith."

Daniel's life is an example of one who refused to compromise, even in harsh, difficult circumstances. In Daniel 6:3-5, we get a glimpse of Daniel's character. First we see that Daniel had an "extraordinary spirit" or an "excellent spirit was in him." Daniel's character was impeccable. Outward character is a product of internal presence. In other words, "what is in us is what comes out." Daniel had a blameless character because this extraordinary spirit lived in him. We also find that Daniel was trustworthy and no corrup-



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tion was found in him. Notice that Daniel's character was recognized and so impressive that the king set him up over the whole region. That is the kind of character that God wants to see displayed in our lives. It is the "extraordinary" Spirit of God living in us that

enables our faith to be displayed and lived out through blameless character.

In Daniel 6:10-13, 16, we find that Daniel exercised undaunted faith. Verse 10 says his actions remained "measured and deliberate." Faith and practice go together. Our actions are a reflection of our faith. First, Daniel's faith was bold. He continued to pray openly (verse 10). He did not hide the fact that he prayed to and worshipped God. As a result, his prayers drew the attention of the other administrators. True faith is strong and bold, even in the face of opposition. Second, Daniel's faith was "consistent." He prayed three times a day. A consistent prayer life is essential to a strong, vibrant faith. Third,

Daniel's was a thankful faith. He thanked God just as he had always done. True faith in God is going to always lead us to be thankful to Him for His faithfulness to us. Daniel's faith was strong and undaunted. However, it did not prevent him from suffering persecution. He does end up in the lion's den.

Daniel 6:19-23 tells of Daniel's experience in the lion's den. Even though his faith did not keep him from the persecution and suffering, it did sustain him through that experience. While last week we learned that Caleb trusted God's provision, we find that Daniel trusted God's protection. Daniel trusted God and God blessed him. Now, we don't always experience physical protection. Hebrews 11:36-39 tells us that many godly people have suffered for their faith and certainly countless more through the years including some of our own Southern Baptist missionaries have given their lives in service to the Lord. Trusting God fully means we trust Him whether we are delivered or not. The example of the Hebrew children in Daniel 3:16-18 demonstrates that faith.

In Daniel 6:25-27 we see that Daniel's faith and trust in God not only resulted in his deliverance, but also a testimony to others. Because of Daniel's faith, King Darius recognized God and issued a decree that all people must worship Him. In verses 26-27, Darius gives a beautiful description of God. The crucial aspect of this is that Darius describes not Daniel's faith, but Daniel's God. Truth faith will not be a testimony to us, how good or holy we are, etc., but will be a testimony to our God, and how wondrous He is. Uncompromising faith will lead others to our Lord.

In 1876 a Chicago Sunday School teacher named Philip Paul Bliss wrote a song to help teach his students the book of Daniel. Many of us learned it as children. It is a good reminder for us to live a life of "uncompromising faith." "Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone! Dare to have purpose firm! And dare to make it known."

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Children and Youth Bible Drillers, Corinth Church, Magee



2. Bible Drillers, Emmanuel Church, Grenada



1. **Corinth Church, Magee**, recognizes its youth and children Bible drillers. Youth, (#1-5), are Aaron Walker, Chelsey Hankins, James Weathersby, Kasey McWilliams, and Kevin White; children (#5-10), are Will Walker, Nathan Walker, Wesley Varner, Taylor White, Kadee Williamson, and Callie May.

2. **Emmanuel Church, Grenada**, recognizes their state Bible drillers. Top row: Austin McCool, Morgan Jackson, Taylor Worsham, and Lauren Simpson; Bottom row: Erma Lee Steed (leader), Jesse Meadows, Anna Heimbach, Chris Cline, and Josh Cline.

3. **CrossPoint Church, Starkville**, recently launched a new internet radio station, [crosspointradio.com](http://crosspointradio.com). In its first three weeks of operation, the station had been hit by people in 81 different countries and people in 21

states. For more information, email Marshall Thrasher at [marshall@discovercrosspoint.org](mailto:marshall@discovercrosspoint.org) or [marshall@crosspointradio.com](mailto:marshall@crosspointradio.com).

4. **Steep Hollow Church, Poplarville**: VBS, June 19-23, 9 a.m.-noon. For information, call (601) 795-4638.

5. **Providence Church, Jayess**, is hosting a gospel singing including Shepherd's Call, 4Grace, and Arise & Sing Trio June 10, 5 p.m. This is a fundraiser for their new Family Life Center, including a concession stand, silent auction, and pie and cake sale. A love offering will be taken.

6. **Weir Church, Choctaw Association**, recognizes their youth and children's Bible drillers, including Tiffany Demsey who placed second in the state Junior High tournament. Leaders are Ellen Turnipseed and Francis Martin; Jim Pender, pastor.

7. The preschool, first, and second graders of **First Church, Sand Hill**, participated in the Pocket Change for Annie emphasis the church sponsored. The children were given pails in which to collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and the church easily reached their goal. A Sunday night sing was held Apr. 30 to celebrate the children and the WMU victory of exceeding their goal.

8. **Parkway Church, Philadelphia**, recently recognized their lifetime deacons: James Howard, Johnny Nations, Sr., and Bud O'Brien. Jim Stanhope, pastor.

9. The Children in Action of **Coldwater Church, Philadelphia**, collected \$120 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

10. **Red Banks Church, Marshall Association**, recently ordained John McClatchy as a deacon. Shown are pastor Troy Defer, McClatchy, and Courtney McClatchy.

11. Several members of the Abundant Life Ladies Sunday School class at **First Church, Flora**, passed out about 150 tracts at the 4-way stop in Flora in less than an hour, telling people God loves them. Shown, from left, are Shirley Eldridge, Linda Green, Susie Pettit, Marguerite Westbrook, Elle and Austin Garner, Julie Tatum, and Jennie Grogan.



9. Annie Armstrong Offering, Coldwater Church, Philadelphia



11. Abundant Life Ladies, First Church, Flora



10. Deacon Ordination, Red Banks Church, Marshall Association

## REVIVALS & HOMECOMINGS

**Beulah Church, Lexington**: Revival, June 11-14; Sun., 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Gene Richardson, West, speaker; Jimmy Floyd Thomas, Lexington, music; Doug Lawson, pastor.

**County Line Church, Rankin County**: Homecoming and Fellowship Center dedication, June 11; service, 10:45 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship; Mickey Ferguson, pastor and speaker.

**Elmo Church, Roxie**: Homecoming, June 11; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by meal; Matt Buckles, speaker; music by church choir led by David Cooper.

**Laurel Hill Church, Neshoba County**: Homecoming, June 11; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by meal and fellowship; afternoon service, 1:30 p.m.; Murphy Thompson, speaker; Larry Winstead, music; Hugh Martin, pastor.

**Singleton Church, Louisville**: Revival, June 18-21; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Walter Simmons, speaker; Wayne Sanders, pastor.

**Union Church, Raleigh**: Revival, June 25-28; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; afternoon services; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Tues., youth & children's

night, 5:30 p.m.; Charles Ray Burnham, speaker; Danny Dickerson, music; David Hays, pastor.

## STATE CHANGES

**Belden Church, Belden**, has called Jim Holcomb as senior pastor and Kelly McGinnis as full-time minister of music.